

OLL 85-1877
20 June 1985

HFAC

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Request from George Berdes, House Foreign Affairs
Committee, for a Briefing on Salvador

25X1 1. On 20 June, [] asked me to return a call, on
her behalf, to George Berdes, HFAC, who advised me that
25X1 Chairman Fascell wishes to schedule a joint CIA/State
briefing for the HFAC on "what happened in Salvador" on
21 June 1985. I told George that CIA does not participate in
joint briefings with State and he had no objections to
25X1 separate briefings. I told him that I would pass his request
to the appropriate office. I discussed this request with []
25X1 [] who suggested that I call [] in the DI. I
25X1 called [] and advised her of Berdes' request. [] told me
that it was too early for a briefing; that we (CIA) do not
25X1 know that much; that we are waiting for some intelligence;
that she had one piece of State correspondence on the
25X1 terrorist act; and that the information we have was provided
by State. She added that if they (HFAC) watch the 6 o'clock
25X1 news, they would know as much as we know. I discussed []
response with [] and then called Berdes and summarized []
25X1 response to his request. He was outraged and launched into a
tirade containing a series of questions and comments, ranging
from whether the Agency [] was
saying that the Agency was refusing to give a briefing. In
each instance I repeated what I told him initially based on
the information obtained from the DI. Berdes concluded his
comments saying that this is the reason the Agency has a poor
reputation with Committee members.

25X1 2. I then briefed [] on my conversations
25X1 with [] initial reaction was that there
must be something, for example a backgrounder, on the various
anti-government forces in Salvador, that DI could do to
satisfy Berdes' request. We considered asking the DI to
provide such a briefing, but decided against it.

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SEE ADDENDUM ATTACHED DATED 24 JUNE 1985



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TO: Addendum to:
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On 24 June 1985 I phoned [redacted]
and [redacted] DI/ALA. No new info.

I phoned Brady, HFAC Staff
Director, and Smeeton, Minority Staff
and apologized - said we could have
sent a generalist even though we had
no unique info. Neither expressed any
further interest. Smeeton observed
that "George Berdes was born angry."

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